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Subject: Marijuana Dispensary

The newspaper indicated public input would be accepted through January 16th. It put no time limit

Dear Ms Wolfson and Mr Prestwich:

I have been a Nevada City resident and property owner since 1990. I live in Piety Hill. I am OPPOSED to locating one or more Marijuana Dispensaries in Nevada City. This idea of a dispensary was pushed thru by 2 City Council members, Ms Senum and Ms Phelps, whom do not necessarily represent the majority of property owners and residents of Nevada City. This idea was not carefully researched nor studied. There was one public input meeting, which occurred near the holidays, and was poorly attended. No residents of the city were given any written notice of this hearing. Now the idea of a dispensary seems to be a "done deal". We are being asked for input for location by the planning commission but we, the residents of Nevada City have not had our due process, to decide if we even want the dispensary located here. The majority of my neighbors in Piety Hill are opposed to the dispensary. Who says locating it here is good for Nevada City? It will forever change the ambience of our city, and affect our Tourist industry, not necessarily for the better. Colorado's experience is remarkable: the projected revenues from the dispensaries are paltry, compared to what was promised. These are cash businesses, and tracking sales is difficult. The Colorado cities that have allowed dispensaries, have found the resultant changes, not always palatable, and cities that have not allowed them are mostly happy with their decisions. Please send this back to the City Council for study and more public input from the residents.

Please, lets revisit the IDEA of a dispensary, after some careful research and study and AFTER we the residents of this city are given our due process. Either send a survey to all registered property owners/residents whether we, the residents approve of the idea or put it to a vote in the form of a REFERENDUM on a ballot, and let the residents who actually live in Nevada City approve/decline to have a dispensary.

Why not put 1 or more dispensaries in the Brunswick Commercial area, near Burger King, Kentucky Fried etc, and let them be transparently viewed by the public?

Lets approach this idea with diligence, but lets not be in a hurry.

Sincerely

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